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## <u>Declaration in Support of</u> Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment

## I, Gary Baker, declare:

I am the Attorney with primary responsibility for prosecution of the above cited case at the Quine IP Law Group (QIPLG).

It is the routine practice of QIPLG without exception to docket all Office Actions received. I have reviewed the docket and confirm there is no entry relating to the Office Action of November 13, 2009, in the above cited case.

It is the routine practice of QIPLG without exception to place all original Office Actions received into the appropriate case file. I have reviewed the file for the above cited case and confirm the original Office Action, said to be mailed on November 13, 2009, is not in the file.

It is the routine practice of QIPLG without exception to report out all Office Actions received to the Applicants and retain a copy of the correspondence in the file. I have reviewed the case file for the above cited case and confirm the Office Action was only reported to Applicants based on a copy of the Action retrieved from PAIR on June 8, 2010.

Because there is no record of receiving delivery of the November 13, 2009, Office Action in our docket or files, I believe the non-final Office Action was never actually delivered to the QIPLG offices.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Declarant's signature:

Gary Baker

Date 17, 2010